

The Town of Upper Marlboro

RESOLUTION: 2020-22
SESSION: Regular Town Meeting
DATE: November 10, 2020

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO TO ADOPT AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY POLICY

DESCRIPTION: A POLICY DECLARING THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO'S INTENT TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN REDUCING ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION WITHIN THE TOWN, PARTNERING WITH THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION, AND ENROLLING AS A MARYLAND SMART ENERGY COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, Maryland Energy Administration's (MEA) has established the Maryland Smart Energy Communities Program pursuant to the authority provided in Sections 9-2003 and 9-20B-01 *et seq.* of the Maryland Code, State Government Article; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the MEA's Smart Energy Communities Program (MSEC), the Town of Upper Marlboro (the "Town") has committed to being a socially responsible leader by decreasing its electricity consumption; and

WHEREAS, any incorporated municipality is eligible to participate MSEC program and if it applies to the Program and commits to meeting the three deliverable requirements (i.e., formal adoption of at least two of the three required energy policies, creation of energy baseline, and establishing energy action plan) may, subsequently, be eligible to receive Program funding, subject to availability of funds at that time; and

WHEREAS, the Town has authority pursuant to Section 82-16(2)(m) and(bb) of the Town Charter to make agreements with other governmental authorities for the joint performance of or for cooperation in the performance of any governmental functions, and to accept gifts and grants of federal or of state funds from the federal or state governments or any agency thereof, and to expend the same for any lawful public purpose, agreeably to the conditions under which the gifts or grants were made; and

WHEREAS the Board recognizes and finds that by smartly investing in energy efficiency, it can have significant monetary savings in the long term.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING POLICIES AND GOALS, AND IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES LISTED BELOW:

Section 1: PURPOSE. The purpose of this policy is:

- To become a Maryland Smart Energy Community by enrolling within the program and following the instructions provided by the State of Maryland.

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- To establish the goal of reducing per-square-foot electricity consumption by 15 percent relative to the baseline within 5 years of the baseline year.
- To report electricity consumption and progress towards the goal annually to the Maryland Energy Administration in order to assure that the Town accomplishes said goals in a timely fashion.

Section 2: DEFINITION For the purpose of this policy, the following terms shall have the meaning given:

- a) *Electricity Consumption* – The amount of kilowatt-hours (kWhs) consumed by the Town on an annual basis including electricity generated and consumed on-site and electricity purchased from a utility.
- b) *Building Space* – The amount of gross square feet (GSF) of building space owned by the Town AND for which electricity is paid by the Town.
- c) *Per-square-foot-electricity consumption* – Electricity consumption (in kWhs) divided by building space (in GSF) calculated on an annual basis.
- d) *Baseline* – Per-square-foot-electricity consumption (kWhs/GSF) in a pre-determined baseline year. May include streetlights but is not mandatory. Must include all buildings as well as sewer and water facilities.
- e) *Baseline Year* – The 12-month period selected by the Town as the baseline.

Section 3: BASELINE DOCUMENTATION

The baseline including data related to the specific time period, electricity consumption, building size, and results will be completed by December 31st, 2020, and can be found as an appendix to later be attached to this document titled, “MSEC_Baseline_(Upper Marlboro)”

Section 4: GUIDELINES

The Town will maintain an annual electricity consumption inventory for all Town owned buildings and other entities captured in the initial baseline. This annual inventory will be conducted using Energy Star Portfolio Manager or similar tool.

Plans and Implementation

The Town will additionally establish an Energy Reduction Plan. The plan will outline the process and include a timetable of execution by which the Town will accomplish designated tasks in order to reach their goal. The Town will implement the necessary projects laid out in their Energy Reduction Plan in order to meet the goal outlined in this policy.

Questions/Enforcement

All inquiries should be directed to the person responsible for implementing this policy. The Town Administrator shall serve as the Town’s Community Energy Manager and supported by the Superintendent of Public Works.

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Applicability

This policy applies to all departments of the Town with the exception of the exclusions outlined in the definitions above.

Section 5: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution and policy shall be effective immediately upon approval of the Board of Town Commissioners.

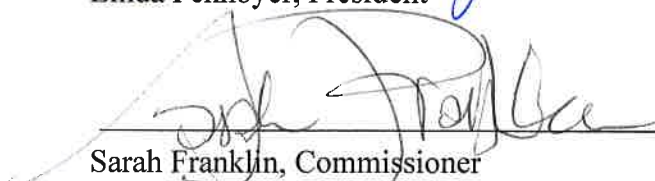
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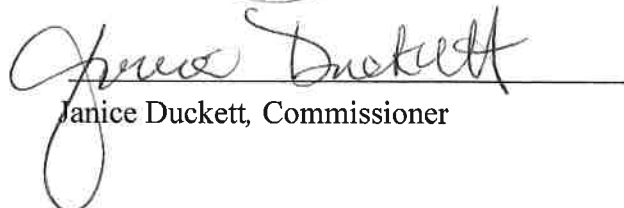

Clerk


Linda Pennoyer, President

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Sarah Franklin, Commissioner

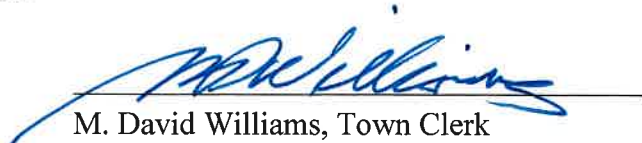



Janice Duckett, Commissioner

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Upper Marlboro and that the Board of Town Commissioners of the Town of Upper Marlboro at a public meeting at which a quorum was present adopted this Resolution, and that said Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended or repealed.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the municipal corporation, this 10th day of November, 2020.


M. David Williams, Town Clerk